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1. ON SEPTEMBER 13 GREEK AMBASSADOR DOUNTAS GAVE ME HIS VERSION OF TURKISH DEMARCHE TO UNSYG WALDHEIM, REPORTED IN REFTELS. FROM DOUNTAS' ACCOUNT WE GATHERED THAT WALDHEIM'S REPLY HAD BEEN FIRMLY NEGATIVE. HE FELT TURKS SHOULD CONCLUDE THEIR PROPOSAL HAS BEEN BLOCKED FOR TIME BEING.

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2. DURING CONVERSATION I EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE OF GREEK GOVERN-

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MENT MAKING ITS SUPPORT OF PRESIDENT CLERIDES ABSOLUTELY CLEAR IN PERIOD OF CRUCIAL CLERIDES/DENKTASH TALKS, WHICH IN OUR VIEW ARE BEST VEHICLE FOR PROGRESS AT THIS TIME. I POINTED OUT THAT CLERIDES WAS BESET BY PRESSURES FROM MANY QUARTERS. EMBARRASSING LACK OF STRONG PUBLIC SUPPORT FROM ATHENS BY CONTRAST WITH CHUMMINESS WITH MAKARIOS AT A TIME WHEN MAKARIOS MAINTAINING DRUMFIRE IN PUBLIC PRONOUNCEMENTS UNHELPFUL TO CLERIDES' TENSOUS POLITICAL POSITION. DOUNTAS SAID CLERIDES HAS GOG'S FIRM SUPPORT. KARAMANLIS HAD SO STATED PUBLICLY. DOUNTAS AGREED, HOWEVER, THAT IT WAS APPROPRIATE TO HAVE UNDER CONTINUOUS REVIEW QUESTION OF WHETHER REITERATION NEEDED TO SHORE UP CLERIDES' POSITION IN A SITUATION THAT IS VERY DIFFICULT FOR HIM.

3. FINALLY, DOUNTAS INSINUATED RATHER INSISTENTLY THAT I HAD BEEN HYPOTHESIZING WITH CYPRIOT FRIENDS/FOREIGN DIPLOMATS ON GEO-GRAPHIC ELEMENTS OF A SOLUTION. I REJECTED THIS; IT WAS ONE GAME I HAD CONSISTENTLY REFUSED TO PLAY ALTHOUGH FREQUENTLY URGED TO DO SO INFORMALLY. ZONAL DEMARCATION WAS MATTER FOR CONSIDERATION BY PARTIES ACTUALLY IN NEGOTIATIONS.
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